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FIGHT TO GET MINERS BACK TO THE PITS

BILL BOWES Retiring

London, Aug. 31.—W. E. Bowes, the Yorkshire and England bowler has decided to retire at the end of the present season.

Bowes has never been really fit since spending about four years in German and Italian prisoner-of-war camps, and at the age of 39, he told the County Committee, in a letter, that the present season had placed a great physical strain on him.

“I feel that to continue first-class cricket would be a mistake and it is time that experience made way for the honest endeavour of youth,” he wrote.

He joined the Yorkshire team in 1929 and in every full season up to the war he figured high in England’s bowling averages with over 100 wickets each season.—Reuter.

92 Die in Cinema Blaze

Paris, Aug. 31.—Relatives of victims of last night’s cinema fire in the Paris suburb of Reuil were today seeking to identify their loved ones among the 87 bodies laid out in a room of the law courts and in the courtyard of a nearby school.

Two of the dead today were at the hospital where they had died of burns and suffocation during the night. A further three deaths were later reported, bringing the total to 92. Earlier reports said that further deaths were expected among the 33 gravely injured lying in hospital.

Heavy guards kept sightseers from the wreckage of the cinema “Select,” where the fire had trapped nearly 600 panicking people in the middle of an evening performance.

An official enquiry today disclosed that the outbreak was caused by a short circuit in the electric wiring between the first and second galleries of the cinema.

Most of the audience in the second gallery were trapped by the flames and suffocated.

The people in the first gallery were so badly burned that many died from their injuries, and in the other parts of the cinema, members of the audience were trampled in the rush for exits.

One report said that parents in the gallery threw their children to people in the stalls to save them from burning to death.

Fire brigades from Paris and four different suburbs fought throughout the night to put out the flames and release the victims from the burning rubble.

M. Antoine Moullade, the 53-year-old director of the Select Cinema, was tonight taken into custody by the Paris police, and formally charged with involuntary homicide. Earlier the investigating magistrate had told the press that there had been gross negligence by breaches of the fire regulations at the cinema and failure to have a fireman on duty.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Confusing The Issue

The war over working conditions upon which dockyard employers and the Chinese Engineers’ Institute have been engaged for 18 days is not a particularly dismal exhibition of stubbornness. The intractability which both sides are displaying is, at this stage, somewhat potty, and leaves the impression that everybody concerned is prepared to let the matter drift indefinitely. We cannot see how a deadlock such as that which has been reached between the strikers’ committee and employers can be expected to resolve itself. This impasse can only be broken by some sort of positive move on the part of the disputants. The strikers, who stand to lose a great deal by their present attitude, could easily restore negotiations by amending their outrageous demands into a proposition that is fair and practicable. Likewise they could make their case more presentable. If their leaders refrained from conflicting statements, originally it was insisted that the men were interested only in substantial increases of basic salaries later they confused the issue by introducing complex demands.

mands which involved high cost of living allowances, retrospective payment of new salary scales, and of all things, strike pay. Now, according to one spokesman, the strikers are not specially interested in these subsidiary conditions because “our goal is a living wage, and we don’t care what form it takes, whether basic or allowances.” This is the type of vacillation which makes negotiations impossible. There is a world of difference between 150 percent increase in basic salaries and, say, 150 percent increase in high cost of living allowances, and until the strikers’ committee can agree among themselves just what they wish to obtain for their members, it is difficult to see how talks can be resumed. It is manifestly clear that the strikers cannot expect to have their current demands met; equally so if they pared these down to reasonable dimensions negotiations could be resumed at any moment. If the committee seriously has the interests of the mechanics at heart, it will offer to reopen negotiations on the basis of a 60 percent increase in basic salaries, and forget about unrealistic conditions such as higher allowances and strike pay.—Reuter.

Forests Threatened

Berlin, Aug. 31.—A mysterious wood beetle threatens to wipe out the lush forests in Russia-occupied Thuringia within three years. Dr Rudolf Paul, Thuringia Minister President, warned today.—United Press.

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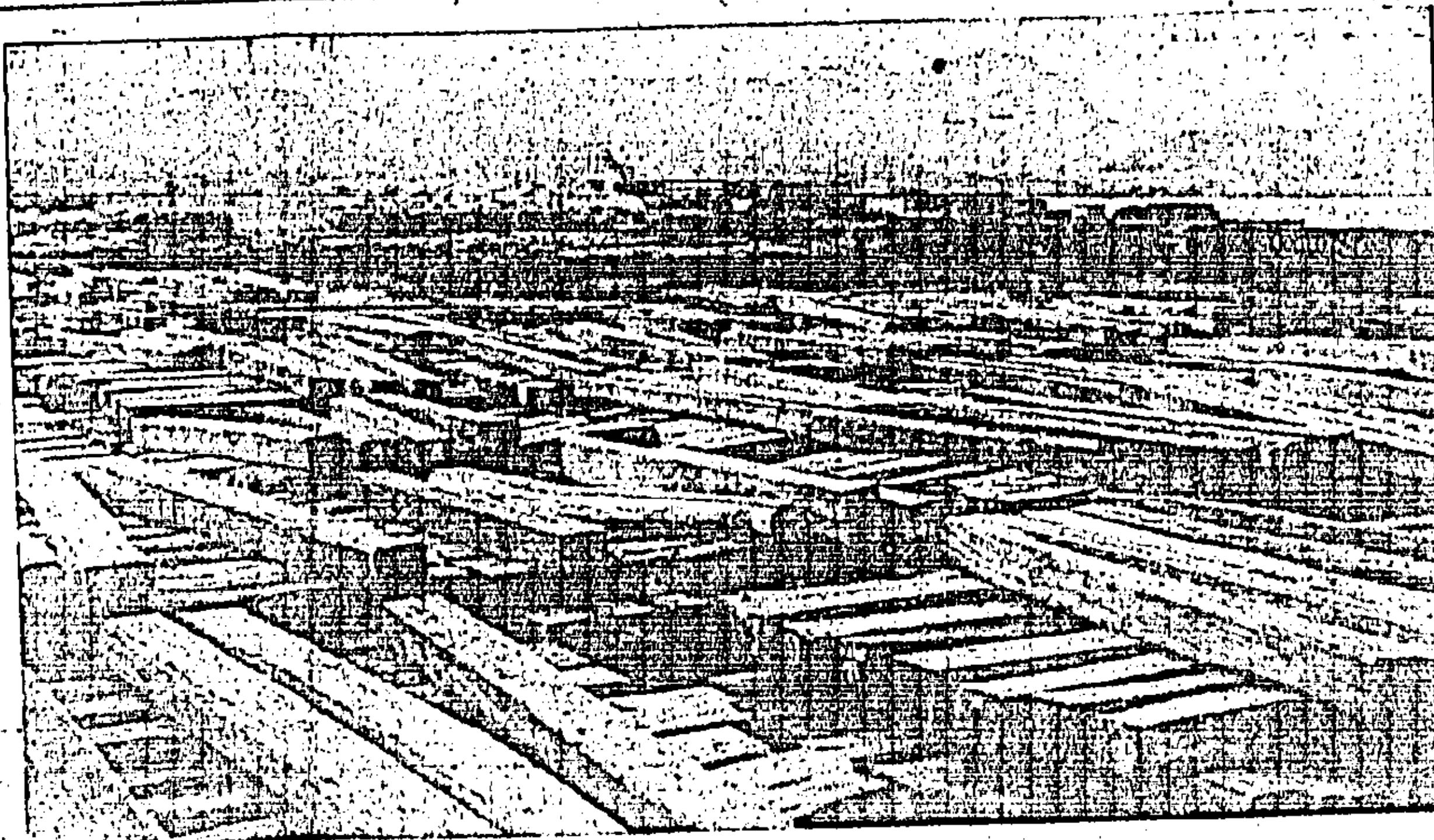
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One Effect Of Strike



Fascists Reappear In London

HORST WESSEL SONG SUNG

London, Aug. 31.—For the third consecutive Sunday night, the police were out in London East End tonight to quell disturbances over the British League of Ex-Servicemen—said to include former members of Sir Oswald Mosley’s Union of Fascists.

Anticipating another noir riot which resulted from last Sunday’s League meeting when knuckle dusters, fireworks and stones were introduced by Leaguers and their opponents, the police broke up the meeting after 15 minutes and dispersed the crowd in the district, where many of London’s poorer Jews live and where there is a strong Communist element.

The “Black Maria” was waiting to pick up the offenders. After the audience in the Ridley Road area—scene of the League’s pitch—had been more than troubled, and spasmodic fist clashes had broken out with rival bodies shouting: “We want Mosley” and “Down with Fascism,” two youths were led away in handcuffs and the militant section of the crowd was moved on by the police, some of whom drew batons.

INSULT TO WAR DEAD

Many of the crowd immediately went on to an anti-Fascist meeting nearby.

The anti-Fascist demanded that the Mayor of Hackney, one of the worst bombed areas, should convene a town’s protest meeting concerning Fascist activities, which, the speakers said, were “an insult to our war dead.”

One youth was taken to hospital with a head injury when fighting broke out between youths with improvised knuckle dusters and belted hands.

Singing the Nazi “Horst Wessel” song and crying for Mosley, swarms of youths with arms linked marched on the rear of the meeting. They were anticipated and forced back by the police.—Reuter.

Hungarian Elections Marked By Killings

Budapest, Aug. 31.—Three Communists were slain and the Vice-Premier admitted that 3,000 persons were caught voting repeatedly as Hungary today elected the parliament that no doubt will be a rubber stamp for the nation’s Communist-dominated government.

The Communist Vice-Premier, Matyas Rakosi, said the government is investigating the deaths of three Communists to see if they were linked with the election because “we do not want to make political capital of the incidents.”

Apologetic for bad weight cast on the elections, he said the 3,000 gross of voting as repeaters is small compared with an electorate of 5,000,000.—United Press.

PARTY’S COMPLAINT

Budapest, Aug. 31.—As the Hungarian Communist Party claimed overwhelming majorities in the first unofficial results of today’s general election, the Smallholders Party—the largest in the old Parliament—protested officially tonight against the “systematic and repeated grave electoral abuses.”

M. Andor Tongralz, Under Secretary of the Ministry of the Interior, said that he has asked M. Lajos Dalmay, the Communist election leader, to investigate and take immediate action.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, who will address the Conference in the same session, is expected to appeal to the workers to rally behind the political side of the movement represented by the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, hard dressed. Cabinet by adopting measures to boost production of goods that Britain needs for export.

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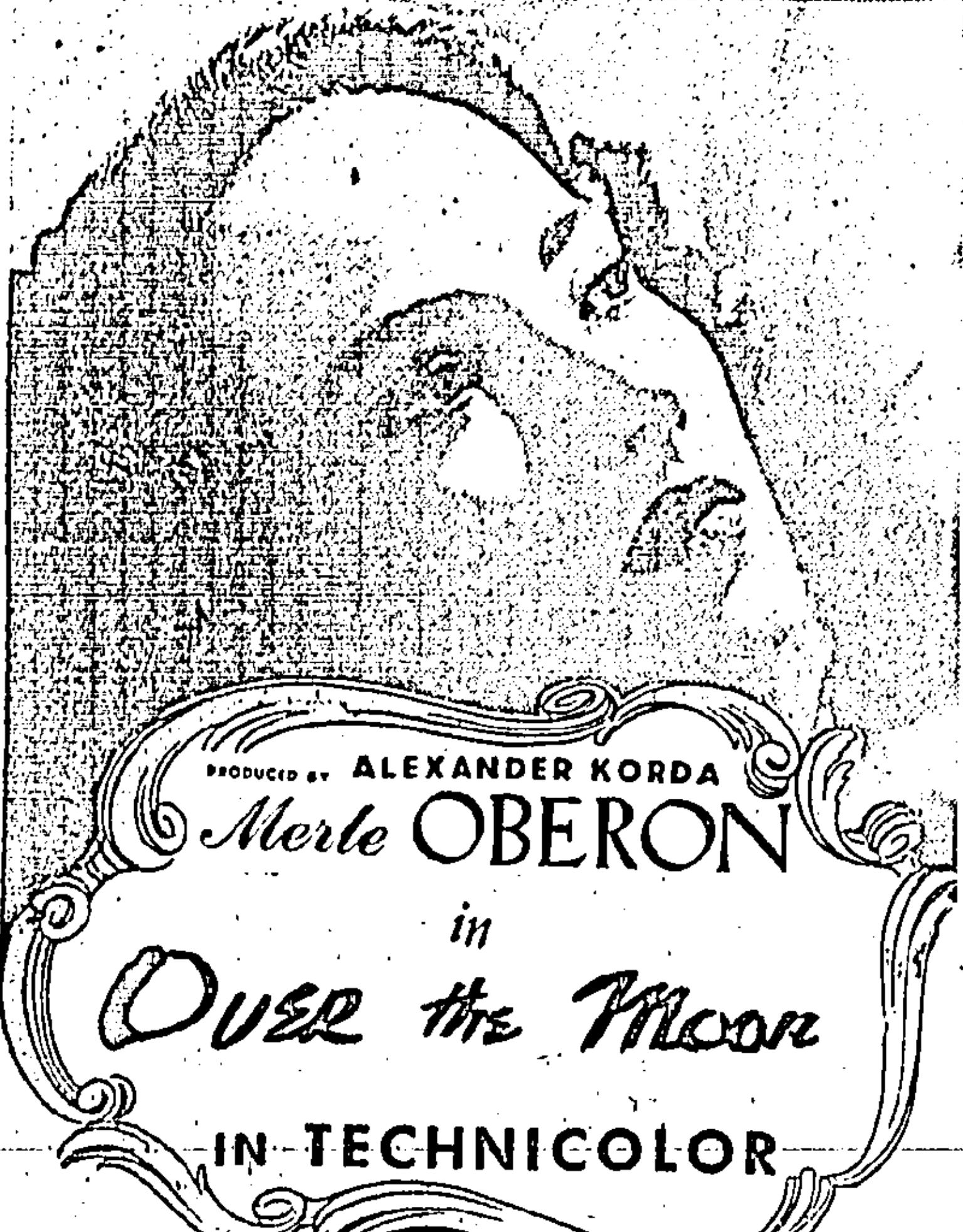
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NOW WE COME TO THE TESTING TIME

by . . . JOHN GORDON

BRITAIN has reached the great crisis. Have no doubt about that. Have no doubt about this also—we must make a serious effort to pull ourselves together or together we shall be pulled down.

Now what are the causes of our plight?

We found ourselves in war completely unprepared.

We had to pour our wealth away and exhaust much of our strength to win that war.

A very large section of the British population decided that with the election of a Socialist Government we had automatically entered the millennium in which work did not matter any more. If you needed money, you had merely to hang out your stocking and Santa Claus would fill it.

DOLLAR-HEAVEN No help to us

The Government, at the same time, decided that if only the United States would lend us sufficient dollars we could sit back without bothering too much about the facts of life.

Unfortunately the U.S. lent us the money. Unfortunately the money is now nearly exhausted. And unfortunately it hasn't done us a bit of good.

On the contrary, by our pledges to make sterling debts convertible into dollars on request and by hating ourselves by the notorious Article Nine so that we cannot even move food we need from the larders of the Empire to the homeland's kitchens, we have brought disaster upon us.

At the same time Government has taken the whole world under its sentimental cloak.

Something over £100,000,000 a year of our desperately needed wealth is being poured out to wrap Germans, Italians, Austrians, and heaven knows how many more nations in cotton wool.

And we have a first-class war on our hands in Palestine.

Add to these the fact that the pick of our manhood is wasting its time marching up and down the ruins of Europe when it would be infinitely better employed marching through the industrial gates at home, and it is little wonder that of all the victorious nations of the war we have done the worst in the way of recovery since peace came.

Britain has reached the moment when it must give the most serious thought to the plight it is in.

Are we going to continue to waste our rapidly diminishing strength in poking our nose into everyone's business instead of looking after our own?

And with the civilian army we should bring home the Servicemen. Our Forces in Germany cost us £100,000,000 a year—roughly £1 in the £ of the income tax.

When you add to that we are supplying the Germans with half their food and paying for most of it in precious dollars, it becomes a change we simply cannot afford to make.

In Palestine we have probably another 80,000.

Even that is by no means the grand total. We have also in Germany some 25,000 civilians on the staff of the British Control Commission drawing salaries with houses and extras thrown in on a scale that makes them regard home like that warehouse.

Who pays? In theory Germany, but in fact the British taxpayer.

We are keeping the bills. They may one day be presented to the Germans, but you can bet every dollar of the American loan that they will never be met.

And what do these boys and girls do? They run Germany for the Germans.

DON'T WANT US
Let Germans do it

Do the Germans appreciate their work? Indeed no. A chief burgomaster of Hamburg has said: “German bureaucracy is bad enough, but yours is even worse.”

That he is not exaggerating is evident from the state of the British zone.

The Germans could run their affairs much better themselves.

They would get the work done—which we can’t. They would deal with their own work-shies. Which we certainly don’t. They would be fought where we are sentimentalist and soft.

What is the good of us saying that we must stay to put the Ruth coal

mines on their feet when we cannot even run our own mines at home with any real success?

This horde of controllers in Germany with their typists, clerks, chauffeurs and servants should be brought home and added to the production army.

All we need to leave are a few able men in the key places to watch what the Germans are doing.

In any case, if we have done our industrial destruction work properly, the Germans ought to be in no condition to threaten us for 20 years, and Mr. Bevin has declared his belief that there will be no major war in that time.

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But “Ah” they say to us, “what happens if we go? The Russians will take over.”

FIX A DATE
And march out

Well, I don’t think it would do us very much harm if they did, because Russia, in spite of her occasional bellicosity and constant obduracy, is in no condition to fight a war for a very long time.

And I do not think Russia would be given the opportunity. What happened in Greece when we decided to step out? The Americans went in.

What will happen if we decide to pull up the stakes in Germany? You will find, I think, that the Americans will go in again.

And I’m all for it. We have been holding babies for too many nations far too long for our own well-being. It is time we dropped a few of them in other laps.

America is deeply interested in Palestine. So interested that the bullets that shoot down British soldiers, and perhaps even the ropes that hang them when they are fully murdered, are paid for by public subscriptions raised through American newspaper advertisements.

When we asked America to share the responsibility for the mandate in Palestine with us she declined.

We should fix a date on which our troops will march out of Palestine.

And I’m all for it. We have been holding babies for too many nations far too long for our own well-being. It is time we dropped a few of them in other laps.

Motto for a connoisseur
(Supplied by the National Gallery cleaning “experts.”)

I’ve got a Glotto always merry and bright.

Recovery

BATTLESHIPS that will hurtle through the air faster than sounds; rocket-submarines capable of climbing vertically out of the water to a height of 30,000 feet in five seconds; radio-controlled mines which will dart about the surface

Greek Soldiers Discontented

By ROBERT C. MILLER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WITH THE GREEK FRONTIER ARMY, Aug. 31.—There is universal discontent in the Greek Army, particularly in the lower ranks.

Many of the junior officers blame politics for keeping them in uniform. The other ranks are embittered because their two-year terms of service have extended into three and even four years, with no immediate prospects of returning to civilian life.

None doubts the necessity of maintaining a large army as possible in the present crisis, but the number one question in everybody’s mind is “When am I going to get out?”

The brass is unhappy at Greece’s allies. They believe more aid should be forthcoming, particularly from England and the United States. Everyone there regards the undeclared border warfare as a conflict between Russian Communism and Anglo-American democracy, with the Greek army doing the fighting.

One colonel put it very bluntly. I complimented him upon the almost miraculous growth of the Greek army from a nondescript force two years ago to a well-equipped, modern-armed power, pointing out the obvious fact that practically everything the Greeks had was given them by the British.

His attitude was that so far Britain had done all right by the Greeks but that she hadn’t done anywhere near far enough.

“Why,” he asked, “can’t a country which can equip and arm big countries like France and outfit her own huge armies, give more than a small share which we Greeks have received?”

“The Americans,” he added, “have left enough material in the former enemy country of Italy to insure her prosperity while we who helped mightily to win the war are struggling for our very existence.”

The colonel didn’t think the present American loan to Greece would go very far in buying armaments, but he hoped there would be more and bigger loans in the future.

The vast majority of the junior officers are reservists. Their loudest complaint is that fellow officers with political “pull” and “friends” in the right government offices have been demobilized after serving their time, while they continue to be regarded as essential to the country’s security.

The loudest calls come from the other ranks—perhaps because there are so many more of them. Some of the infantrymen have been toting guns for four years or more on a “temporary” basis.

“Don’t forget,” one of them caustically, “most of us have been in so long we are unfit for any productive work. Also we have married and many of us have children. We thought the war would be over in 1944, but here it is 1947, and I’m still fighting a war. Right now we are better off than lots of people, for at least we have good clothes on our backs and plenty of good food, which is more than can be said for the majority of our civilians. But what about the future?”

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

I DID not know until a few of the sea, exploding ten times a minute; atomic strato-supersonic bombs, loaded with deadly bacterium, which will go round and round the world in ever diminishing circles, discharging radio-active particles of germ impregnated dynamite—these are some of the dreams that may soon come true. Give my love to the scientists.

The anti-social cad
“The old sea-faring spirit of our race.”

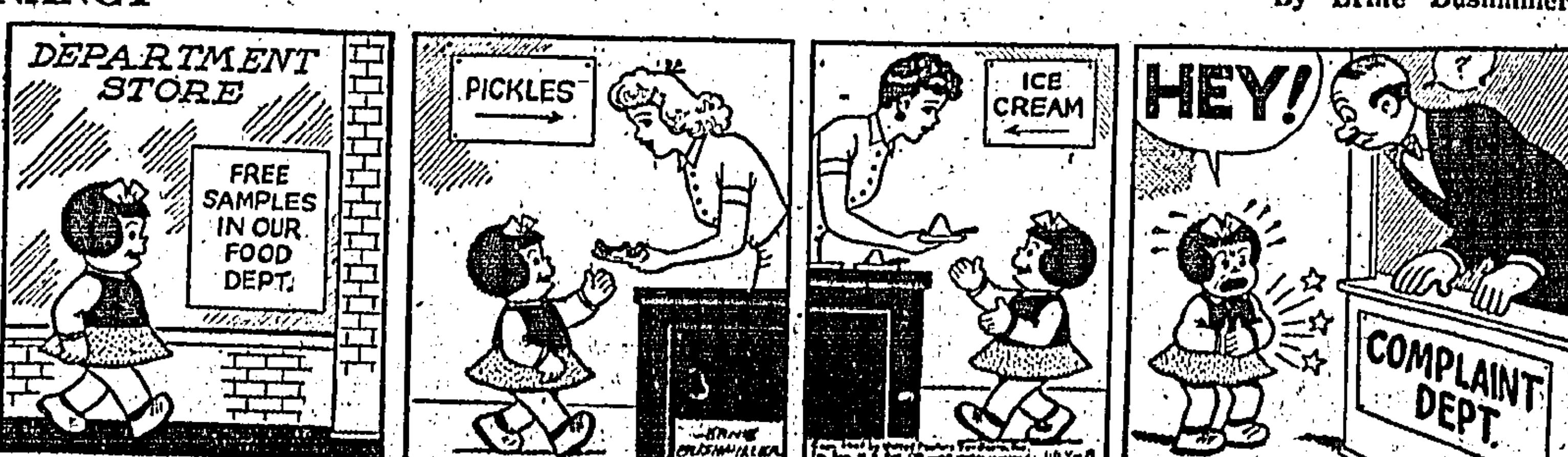
The British love of freedom in our bones. Call us to meet the crisis face to face!” Thus roared the dauntless lion, Mr. Jones.

And there are twelve ‘inspectors to confirm it. He watched the side-wall of a broken shed.

Without a licence to obtain a permit.

In passing
SEEING a woman with a face like a horse, I recalled with delight A. G. Macdonell’s remark about the horse-faced lady who was probably intelligent enough to distinguish a capital M from a capital O on the music-hall stage. It comes in “How Like An Angel,” which contains more wit and laughter than you will find in a dozen humorous authors of today all rolled into a lump.

NANCY She Has a Gripe



By Ernie Bushmiller

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By LOIS LEEDS



Posed by Adele Mara for Lois Leeds.

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"Dear Lois Leeds—My family doctor has just cured me of a severe case of acne, which has left

Off-Minute Make-up
by GABRIELLE



Do not pencil your eyebrows in a heavy line. Draw the pencil backward, inward from the outer ends. Then brush smoothly. This gives a natural effect. Brown pencils often give a reddish look. A very dark brown pencil works up well if your eyebrows are very light. A blue pencil will give the most attractive effect.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



6-30

This Space Every Day

Girl 'Asleep' For Six Months Examined By Specialists

Specialists recently examined at the Royal Melbourne Hospital a young woman who had been "asleep" for six months. She is Miss Rita Argall, 25, of Kinta, near Dimboola.

NEW RECORDS

REMEMBER SCHWANDA?

Pre-war opera-singer will remember Paul Schonher as the creator of Schwanda at Covent Garden in Weinberger's "Schwanda the Bagpiper." During the war he was in a concentration camp. He is now in the U.S. Vienna State Opera, and has made an admirable recording of "Wotan's Farewell" from "The Valkyrie." The accompaniment is by the London Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Rudi Dern (K. 1307-A).

Harriet Cohen with an orchestra under Malcolm Sargent made a recording with her playing of a new work by Arnold Bax "Morning Song" which is dedicated to Princess Elizabeth. The simple words of the lyrics are charming and the work is something you should hear. It is issued by Columbia (D.X. 1301).

There is simplicity too in the "Gavayen" ballet music.

It is ably played by the Philharmonia Orchestra, conducted by Niccolini. One movement, "The Dance of the Young Maidens," and a brilliant piece of precision "Sabre Dance." The record is "The Master." Voice (C. 3372).

ROBERT TREDDINICK.

HIT PLAY ABOUT TEST TUBE BABY

A play about a woman who has a child by artificial insemination is causing a sensation in Paris.

Women are in the majority of the audience, which hears each act in silence, and discusses the play excitedly in the intervals.

Central character in the play—which is called "The Immaculate One"—is a woman who hates men but longs to have a daughter of her own.

She interests a scientist in her case, and he carries out the experiment.

The second act takes place 20 years later, when the daughter is grown up, believing her father deserted her mother years before.

The mother's whole life revolves round the daughter, whom she loves jealously. When the daughter wishes to marry and leave her, the mother becomes frenzied at the desire how her future wife was brought of separation and tells the cavity of his skull visible, the surgeon's knife to marry her.

The scene was kitsy, dye, which covered every part of the body except the tumour in the patient's brain, so that it stood out clearly.

Anna called the picture "The Green Man."

Anna, in private life Mrs Guy Hastings, with a 13-year-old daughter, Julia, doesn't confine her to medical paintings. She is now engaged painting a gay set of hunting scenes in murals for a new dance room in the Queen-Mary.

In the play:

The mother considers she and the daughter are perfectly normal.

The scientist is sympathetic to the mother's ideas, and considers the daughter, at any rate, is normal in every way.

The daughter considers she and her mother are "monsters."

The young man considers the mother a "monster," and, although he still loves the girl, refuses to marry her.

Most of the women in the audience say they consider the mother and her daughter are "monsters" in one way or another, but add that they are fascinated by the play.

Candles To Light Legislature

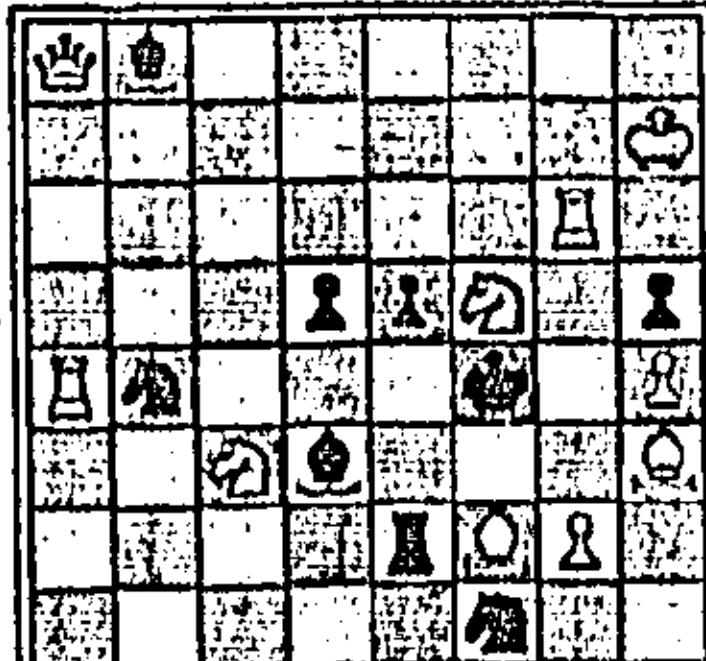
In the light of three candles, the South Australian Parliament recently discussed Adelaide's power rating.

The city's power-supply had failed because of a coal shortage when the Legislative Assembly was in session. Attendants at the House were able to produce only three candles to illuminate the chamber.

Associated Press.

CHESS PROBLEM

By N. DELLI
Black, 9 pieces.



White to play and mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

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Soviet Plane Over Turkey

Istanbul, Aug. 31.—Turkish anti-aircraft fire and fighter planes forced down a Soviet military aircraft which, last night, flew over the outskirts of Smyrna, according to reports in the Turkish press today.

Four occupants of the plane—a general, two colonels and the pilot, all of Soviet nationality—were at once interned.

The aircraft, which was placed under guard, was said to have been flying over the Aydin, region south of Smyrna.—Reuter.

TSALDARIS APPEALS FOR UNITY

Athens, Aug. 31.—Within 48 hours of assuming office as the new Greek Premier, Dr Constantin Tsaldaris today made an appeal for an All-National Government to end the country's troubles.

In a newspaper article, he claimed that Greece would rather give the last drop of her blood to defend the territorial integrity and independence of the country than yield to guerrilla demands.

"We shall face developments firmly and coolly," he said. "The Government which I head embodies this decision, and has no other aim than to carry it out through national unity and collaboration of all."

"This Government is ready to yield its place to an All-National Government able to assume this sacred mission and to represent the mandate of All-Greece."

Simultaneously with publication of Dr Tsaldaris' article, the Government announced the imposition of military censorship, under which publication is forbidden of information concerning army movements and military operations and commentaries on military action in Greece.

This was accompanied by a decision to purge public services and to repress any strike movements among civil servants, who were threatening to stop work.—Reuter.

Guerrilla Government

Athens, Aug. 31.—The Athens press, with the exception of the Communist newspaper Rizopistis, today carried a dispatch from Larissa quoting the authorities there as stating that a Communist circular had been found which spoke of a guerrilla government as already formed.

The circular named Niko Zacharias as Premier, General Markos (Leader of the guerrillas) as War Minister. Two other ministers were listed in the circular which said an official announcement of the formation of the government would be made "immediately after the arrival of American troops in Greece."—United Press.

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Still Fighting In Indonesia

Batavia, Sept. 1.—Counter charges of continued cease-fire violations were made on Sunday by both Indonesian and Dutch military spokesmen. An Indonesian army communiqué said that the Dutch launched a heavy air and ground attack on Friday against Soekoredo, centre of important cocoa and tea estates in Central Java, southwest of Semarang.

The communiqué said the civilian population in the area suffered severe casualties when 60 truckloads of Dutch troops carried out a pioneer operation in the town, while Dutch aircraft bombed Soejioredjo, and two nearby towns.

Indonesian troops were seen fighting in the Dutch ranks, the announcement said.

The Republicans also reported "active" Indonesian resistance to Dutch patrol attacks east and west of Looming, south of Probolinggo, in East Java.—Associated Press.

Two-Pronged Drive

Batavia, Aug. 31.—A Republican communiqué tonight reported that the Dutch had opened a two-pronged drive against Soekoredo, on the main highway running from Jogjakarta via Magalang. Soekoredo is eight miles south of Weleri, which is 23 miles east of Semarang.

The Dutch claimed that Soekoredo, which is 53 miles from Jogjakarta, was already within the Dutch-occupied area.

The Republicans reported intensive fighting for the city. The communiqué said the Dutch carried out a combined air and ground attack against Soekoredo, and the operation was a plincer movement with one arm moving from Sodjolamento, four miles southeast of Weleri and seven miles northeast of Soekoredo.

The communiqué said the other arm moved directly south from Weleri through Pagedejoeng. It said the Dutch bombed houses along the road.

Earlier, a Dutch communiqué said Dutch troops had been ordered to step up patrol activities in Dutch-occupied areas of Java and Sumatra because of continued Republican infiltration and sabotage.

It said at the same time that the Republican troops had not slackened their attacks against the Dutch positions in East and Central Java; however, Republican troops had voluntarily surrendered in some areas, it added.—United Press.

Another Abyssinia

Moscow, Aug. 31.—No basic difference existed "between the Dutch aggressors in Indonesia and the memorable attack of Fascist Italy on Abyssinia," Boris Isakov, diplomatic observer of the Communist paper, Pravda, said today.

"That is why the conduct of the majority within the Security Council brings back to our memories those unhappy days when the League of Nations conducted an unworthy flirtation with the invaders of Abyssinia," he said.—Reuter.

CHINA'S RICE SITUATION

Washington, Aug. 31.—The Agriculture Department today reported that the rice outlook recently improved in China but deteriorated in Burma.

The Department said that prospects for China's 1947 production in the first part of August improved over the July outlook with the harvest now estimated at 2,370,000,000 bushels. This would be an increase of two percent over last year's harvest but still only about 90 percent of the prewar average.

The Department reported that possibly 1,000,000 acres of newly planted rice paddies in Burma may have been ruined by the recent flood in the Irrawaddy valley. It said this apparently would cause a substantial reduction in previous estimates that the December harvest would be about 300,000,000 bushels. It said this is expected to adversely affect all Asia since Burma is the principal source of rice supplies for export to deficit countries of Asia during 1948.—United Press.

RUHR COAL OUTPUT CLIMBING

Berlin, Aug. 31.—Gen. Lucius D. Clay, American military governor, today reported a great improvement in the intermeshed food and coal problems in the Anglo-American zones of Germany.

Gen. Clay, in his cabled semi-monthly report to Washington, cited this evidence of progress in the two inter-dependent fields:

Coal production in the Ruhr has hit a new occupation high.

For the first time in six months the British and Americans are delivering the promised ration in bread—nucleus of the postwar German diet.

"For the first time since March it has been possible to authorise a full 10,000 gram normal consumer bread ration in the U.S.-U.K. zones," the General said. "The improvement is due to the accelerated arrivals of bread grains and flour which, during the last three months, have been exceeding heavily."

Incentive For Miners

Gen. Clay pointed out that the cost—nearly \$30,000,000 in the first half of August alone—of imports is split between British and American taxpayers.

The American occupation chief attributed the boom in Ruhr coal production—now hovering around 240,000 tons daily—to "the newly instituted incentive scheme." Under this plan miners get food bonuses for reaching certain production goals.

Despite this programme, "labour dissatisfaction" has caused a high absentee rate of about 17 per cent in the mines, Gen. Clay said. Production per man day remains disappointing—below one ton.

The recruiting of miners for the Ruhr has been suspended in the British zone, the report said, because of "lack of work, clothing, furniture and suitable accommodations."

In the American zone, from which more than 5,000 have been recruited since March, the programme will continue.

Export Goods

The climbing coal production is not reflected in other industries, however. American zone production, computed on 1938 as a base year, inched from 49 to 53 per cent in July, but Gen. Clay pointed out "this was more than accounted for by a longer working month."

The first 10 days of August resulted in signed contracts for \$7,800,000 worth of export goods, but only \$1,000,000 worth were actually delivered during that period, the military governor reported.

Gen. Clay's report again mentioned an increase in illegal border crossings from the Soviet to the American zone, and noted that "large numbers of refugees have been entering the U.S. zone without proper documents."—United Press.

Guerillas Attack

Athens, Aug. 31.—Three hundred guerillas with heavy weapons last night attacked nearby Katafayang burning 50 houses, it was reported from Kozan today.

Twenty guerillas were reported dead and wounded and one corporal was killed and four soldiers were wounded.—United Press.

Quiet Wedding For Janet

London, Sept. 1.—The wedding of Miss Janet Attlee and former Royal Air Force Sergeant Harold Shipton will be a very quiet affair, friends of the couple indicated on Sunday.

Arrangements have not been completed, but the ceremony will take place in November in London, said Shipton, a fair-headed, bespectacled electronics engineer. The engagement of Miss Attlee, the 24-year-old slender, studious, eldest daughter of Britain's Prime Minister, and 26-year-old Shipton, was announced on Friday.

Shipton said he and Miss Attlee are not particularly interested in politics and would carry on with their work after their marriage. Miss Attlee is a hospital psychologist.

Miss Attlee spent the past week with Shipton's widowed mother in Shrewsbury, where his father was head of the Parks Department.

His mother said: "They're just two young people going to marry, and I suppose they will make their own arrangements even if her father is the Prime Minister. She is a very nice girl."—Associated Press.



PEGGY COLORES. In an original dance, "Mephisto and Marigorio," which is one of the highlights of the C.S.E. revue, "Over To You," now at the China Fleet Club Theatre.



DEAR, is it all right to use the ash tray before the guests come?

ARABS OPPOSED TO UNSCOP PROPOSAL

Lake Success, Sep. 1.—A majority of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine recommended on Sunday that 150,000 Jewish immigrants be admitted to Palestine in the next two years while the Holy Land is being transformed into an economic union comprising an Arab state, a Jewish state and the autonomous city of Jerusalem.

RIGHT WING AIDS CHINA'S COMMUNISTS

New York, Aug. 31.—The New York Herald-Tribune, in an editorial entitled "Right Wing In China" said today:

"There is nothing which should cause a surprise in a dispatch from our correspondent, Christopher Rand, reporting that Right Wing politicians in China may start an anti-American campaign. Reactionary Chinese cliques, including the large one led by the brothers Chen Li-fu and Chen Kuo-fu, have never been sympathetic to American ideas."

"They would not be sympathetic to any point of view based on democratic principles. They are opponents of the Communists, but only the British like the recommendations of the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee."

The Committee majority—made up of Canada, Czechoslovakia, Guatemala, the Netherlands, Peru, Sweden and Uruguay—proposed that Britain continue her administration of Palestine during the two-year transition period, with possible assistance of other members of the United Nations.—Associated Press.

Jewish Agency Satisfied

Geneva, Aug. 31.—Sources close to the Jewish Agency today appeared satisfied with the UNSCOP majority proposal for Palestine partition, but expressed concern that it might be brushed aside by the British like the recommendations of the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee.

While declining official comment, Jewish Agency quarters indicated satisfaction that the majority proposal pointed towards the possibility of securing a Jewish state.

They said the main issue remained the question of immigration and the speed of its solution.—United Press.

Quiet Week-End

Jerusalem, Sept. 1.—The darkness of racial hatred and political strife burned low this week-end in the Holy Land, but Palestine cowers in dread. Jew, Arab and Briton, nervously expectant after a week of relative calm, counted these clouds in the Palestine sky.

Deportation of the "Exodus" refugees to a land hated by the Jew; possible United Nations dismemberment of Palestine in an effort to find peace through partition; imprisonment of many Jewish political leaders; Arab regimentation and retaliation against Arabs who deal with Jews, and smouldering racial hatred in the Jewish-Arab border areas.

This has been of such great advantage to the Reds that Right Wing elements should be on the Communists to convince some Chinese that the conflict in China is not one between Communism and Democracy but one between Communism and Feudalism. It is a conservative fundamentalist to say that the extreme Right Wing in China has been won over to Moscow.

Any of these could let loose a cloudburst of violence and blood. There were no political killings this week, no major terrorism and little blood let. But Jerusalem's habitual nervousness culminates in Ben Yehuda Street at sunset each night, and keeps British troops at their action stations around the clock.

Cunningham's Attitude

British officialdom opposed deportation of the "Exodus" passengers to Germany because of what seemed to them the obvious danger of causing a fresh outbreak of trouble here.

As the refugees, now numbering 4,400, approached Hamburg, Sir Alan Cunningham, was reliably reported to have flown to London to appeal to Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin to reverse the decision, or, failing that, to have the appeal withdrawn.

Both Sir Alan and Sir Bevin have declared by radio and by poster that they are geared for action if "our brothers are forced to set foot again in chains on the hated soil of Germany where 6,000 Jews were slaughtered."—Associated Press.

GHAVAM WON'T ACCEPT

Teheran, August 31.—Outgoing Premier Ghavam as Sultaneh today informed the Shah that he was unable to accept the premiership voted him on Saturday by the Iranian Parliament. Ghavam's party newspaper reported.

The newspaper said Ghavam refused to accept because the deputies from Azerbaijan voted against him.

Diplomatic circles said either Ghavam hoped to escape responsibility for any oil concessions that may be granted to Russia or that he is manoeuvring for greater mass support.—United Press.

Similar dismantling is also taking place in the power industry, though in order to avoid interference with the coal industry it had not been possible to remove all power installations earmarked.—Reuter.

Shoot To Kill Rioters, Pakistan Army Told

Now Delhi, Aug. 31.—General Sir Frank Messervy, Commander-in-Chief of the Pakistan Army, today ordered his men to "shoot to kill" if necessary against Hindu-Moslem rioters in the new Moslem dominion.

He issued a special order of the day announcing that, effective on Monday, the first Pakistan Army would take over its duties as the Dominion defence force.

He said the Army should not shirk its responsibility in bringing about law and order. He added that the communal riots were an insult to the state of Pakistan and should be suppressed by all means.

"You must shoot to kill if you have to fire," the Commander-in-Chief said.—United Press.

Promises On Tour

Lahore, Sept. 1.—The Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Liaquat Ali Khan, left on Sunday on a 1,000-mile aeroplane and motor tour, seeking to restore peace in the Punjab where communal riots have approached the proportions of civil war.

They are flying above and driving through an area where uncontrollable thousands have perished on both sides of the India-Pakistan border, dividing this province, and where tens of thousands of refugees of all communities present a pitiful sight for their lives to concentration points from which they hope to reach friendly territory.

Their plight is made worse by heavy rains which is flooding the lowlands, making a morass of the farmlands through which many must trudge.

Renewed Slaughter

The start of the trip coincided with new reports of slaughter in rural areas of India and Pakistan, and of fresh columns of smoke spiralling into rainy skies from villages burned by rioters. Air force pilots who furnished the reports said that some activities on the ground might be continued looting. They said they saw some bodies lying in fields.